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SUBJ: INVOLVEMENT OF EX-SELF DEFENSE FORCE PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS
IN KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

SUMMARY: IN UPPER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION SEPT 24 PRIMIN
TANAKA TAKEN BY SURPRISE BY CHARGE THAT SELF DEFENSE FORCE
PERSONNEL KEPT KIM TAE-CHUNG UNDER SURVEILLANCE. QUICK CHECK
SHOWED THAT MAN IN QUESTION DID SO, BUT AS PRIVATE INVESTI-
GATOR IN PRE-RETIREMENT TERMINAL LEAVE STATUS. NEWEST ALLEGATION
KEEPS ISSUE ALIVE IN PUBLIC MIND, AND RAISES IMPLICATION FOR
FIRST TIME OF POSSIBLE LINES BETWEEN JAPANESE OFFICIAL AGENCY
AND KCIA. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING UPPER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION SEPT 24
HIDEO YASUNAGA (JSP) ASKED GOJ TO CLARIFY REPORT THAT MEMBER
OF GROUND SELF DEFENSE FORCE HAD KEPT KIM TAE-CHUNG UNDER
SURVEILLANCE. PRIMIN KAKUEI TANAKA, SURPRISED BY QUESTION,
DEFERRED RESPONSE UNTIL HE COULD CHECK ALLEGATION WITH
POLICE OFFICIALS.

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2. FOLLOWING REPORTS BY NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY AND DEFENSE AGENCY, GOJ SPOKESMAN LATER MONDAY CONFIRMED THAT GSDF MEMBER HAD DONE SO, IN EMPLOY OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY WHICH HE JOINED WHILE STILL ON TERMINAL LEAVE AND BEFORE RETIREMENT BECAME EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1. MAN IN QUESTION REQUESTED RETIREMENT JUNE 27.

3. SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSED, PRIMIN TANAKA IS EXPECTED TO EXPRESS REGRET IN UPPER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 25 FOR LACK OF CLEAR-CUT GOJ POLICY ON SDF PERSONNEL SEEKING PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT, AND TO PROMISE STRICTER CONTROL OF SDF PERSONNEL IN FUTURE. PRIMIN ALSO EXPECTED TO STRESS THAT THERE NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER BETWEEN SDF AND KCIA.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSED MONDAY THAT PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY INVOLVED IS QTE MILLION DATA SERVICE UNQTE. AGENCY ORGANIZED JULY 1 BY RETIRED GSDF LT. COMM SHOZO TSUBOYAMA, WHO HIRED ONLY OTHER KNOWN EMPLOYEE IN MID-JULY, GSDF SERGEANT 2ND CLASS KIKUO EMURA, BEFORE LATTER'S RETIREMENT TOOK EFFECT. BOTH REPORTED TO HAVE SERVED IN GSDF COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST POSITIONS.

5. POLICE ALSO DISCLOSED THAT MILLION DATA SERVICE WAS HIRED LATE IN JULY BY MAN CALLED QTE SATO UNQTE TO KEEP WATCH AT TOKYO OFFICE OF QTE ROK DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND UNIFICATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE UNQTE FOR MAN WHOSE PHOTO HE SHOWED THEM. MAN IN PHOTO WAS KIM TAE-CHUNG. TSUBOYAMA AND EMURA HIRED OWNER OPERATED TAXI DRIVERS TO CONDUCT ACTUAL SURVEILLANCE JULY 25, 27 AND 28, BUT WHEN KIM TAE-CHUNG DID NOT APPEAR, OPERATION WAS CANCELLED.

6. SOURCES QUOTED BY PRESS STATED THAT TSUBOYAMA AND EMURA REALIZED SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR EARLIER CASE FOLLOWING PUBLICITY GIVEN ABDUCTION, AND REPORTED FACTS THEY KNEW TO POLICE. THEY IDENTIFIED THEIR CLIENT FROM POLICE PHOTOGRAPHS AS ROK DIPLOMAT KIM DONG-WOON.

7. THIS FIRST INDICATION OF JAPANESE INVOLVEMENT, HOWEVER RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOTE AND TENUOUS, IN EVENTS PRECEDING KIM TAE-CHUNG ABDUCTION BEING PORTRAYED BY PRESS AS SHOCKING. METROPOLITAN POLICE REPORTEDLY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT TSUBOYAMA AND EMURA HAVE DIRECT RELATION TO ABDUCTION, BUT ARE SAID TO BE INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE PRE-EXISTING LINK BETWEEN THEM AND ROK DIPLOMAT KIM DONG-WOON. HOW ELSE, ASKS ASAHI AND OTHER PRESS, COULD KIM DONG-WOON LOCATE OBSCURE, UNMARKED OFFICE OF NEWLY FORMED, UNADVERTISED PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY WITHOUT EVEN

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